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FOREIGN NEWS.—The steamer *Hibernia* from Liverpool on the 31st ult., has arrived at Portland, and the *Scotia* from Liverpool on the 2d inst reached New York yesterday. By these arrivals, we have the following European intelligence.

The report is confirmed that England had protested against the Federal occupation of Schleswig.

The Danish ministerial crisis had terminated.

The German troops reached Westedt on the 30th, and were expected to reach Reudsborg on the following day. Duke Frederick was enthusiastically received at Keil on the 30th ult. The people of Norway have resolved to send addresses to the Government, requesting it to support Denmark. The London Times says that the Schleswig-Holstein question has reached a crisis in which the only hope of peace lies in the moderation of the great German Powers, and their checking of the Holstein agitators. The Daily News shows Germany that if she encourages war, she does so at greater risk than any other country in Europe. The London Post warns the German Powers of the responsibility they are incurring, and says that Denmark can retreat no further, and if the German troops attempt to cross the Eider, it will be an act of war, and the Danish Government must resist. The Post also says that the British Cabinet warned the Diet against any departure from the treaty of 1852. Prince Augustenburg has issued a proclamation at Kiel, calling on the Holstein people, as his faithful subjects, to respect the Federal administration and avoid a conflict.

The Paris Pays denies that Prince Maximilian hesitates about accepting the Mexican crown.

The Paris correspondent of the London Herald says the Archduke persists in declaring that the French troops will be replaced by the foreign Legion, and the republican form of government retained.

The funeral of Mr. Thackeray took place at Kensall Green Cemetery on the 30th ult., attended by all the leading authors and artists of the day, including Dickens.

The Gazette de France asserts that General Forey will shortly proceed on a mission to the Archduke Maximilian, relative to Mexico.

The Danish troops had evacuated Tete Du Pont, near Friederickstadt, and also quitted Reudsborg.

The Federal Commissioners have dismissed more of the local authorities at Holstein.

General Berg has issued an order at Warsaw that until the complete restoration of tranquility all the police authorities, including the head of police, would be subordinate to the military authorities.

The British trade returns for November show 30 per cent. increase on the previous November.

It is rumored that England has proposed to Denmark a conference of the seven Powers who signed the treaty of London.

A dispatch from Point De Galle says that the United States steamer Wyoming had gone to Christmas Island, Indian Ocean, in pursuit

of the Alabama, whose capture of two U. S. ships in the Straits of Sunda was reported by the last Indian mail.

The corvette *St. Louis* sailed from Cadiz Dec. 16th.

A searching examination into the matter of the equipment and departure of the steamer *Rappahannock* from Chatham exonerates the officials. The mechanics and laborers engaged in her have been dismissed, and precautions are being taken to prevent a similar occurrence.

The Emperor Napoleon made a pacific speech on New Year's Day, in which he said he hoped the present year would bring peace and reconciliation to America.

Green, the murderer of Elizabeth Whittlesey, was executed at Cambridge on the 1st.

The Observer believes that Parliament will meet on the 4th of February. The Cabinet Council which assembled yesterday was originally summoned for Tuesday next. Lord Palmerston did not come to town to preside, and the Duke of Newcastle also remained away.

The Emperor Napoleon received the Diplomatic Corps first on New Year's Day. The Papal Nuncio presented his good wishes. Napoleon thanked the Ministers for their friendly expressions, and said they were a happy omen for the new year. The Emperor concluded by saying that "the difficulties brought about by certain events in different parts of Europe, I am convinced, will be removed by the conciliatory spirit by which Sovereigns are animated, and that we shall be able to maintain peace."

The Paris Temps says that the Emperor addressed himself to Mr. Dayton, expressing the hope that the year 1864 would be one of peace and reconciliation in America.

The La France publishes the recent correspondence between President Davis and the Pope. The latter addresses Mr. Davis as "Illustrious President," expressing much friendliness.

The Times protests against Federal enlistments in England, as shown in the case of the *Kear*—sage at Cork.

The English revenue returns for the past year show a decrease of over half a million sterling.

The Paris Pays gives a rumor that Lord Conley, English Ambassador to France, will be superseded.

The French semi-official papers are decidedly anti-English in tone.

The Mexican correspondent of the Times shows that the French army were under the law of the Archbishop and clergy.

A non-committal letter from the Emperor Napoleon to the Duke of Austenburg is published.

The Danes evacuated Reudsborg on the 31st, and 5,000 Saxon troops immediately entered. They were received enthusiastically.

Four conscience stricken persons have severally made restitution to the government of sums, in the aggregate amounting to only \$20, which have been deposited in the U. S. Treasury.

The name of the Hon. Albert S. White, of Indiana, will be sent into the Senate by President Lincoln for confirmation as Judge of the U. S. Court for the Southern District of Indiana, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Caleb B. Smith.

It is proposed to re-organize the U. S. Supreme Court, and to have a number more Judges of Circuit Courts.

It will be seen that the Holstein question is approaching a crisis.

The New York Express says: "So far as active military operations are concerned, the war might be said to be at an end. General Grant has left Chattanooga and is paying a visit to Nashville, Knoxville, etc., while Gen. Meade is, or has been, in Philadelphia, on a visit to family and friends there. Banks at last accounts was reposing on his oars, as if waiting for reinforcements, while at Charleston, with the exception of a few shells, occasionally thrown into the city, by Gen. Gilmore, the situation remains in statu quo. The weather and the roads, in Virginia and Tennessee, are such that military movements of magnitude are not to be looked for at present."

R. Johnston has introduced in the legislature, in session in this place, the following named bills, which were referred to the Committee on Roads, viz: "An act to authorize the Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Railroad Company to increase its capital stock and funded debt, and for other purposes." "An Act to authorize the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Company to change the location of said Turnpike, and for other purposes." "An Act to incorporate a company to construct a Railway from the city of Alexandria to connect with the Aquia Creek and Richmond Railroad."

A dispatch from the Army of the Potomac, says; "It appears that Hon. John Minor Botts has been urged to accept the appointment of Senator for Virginia in the U. S. Congress, also that he has written a letter in response, stating in effect that he is unwilling to accept the honor intended to be conferred, hoping the time is not far distant when he can stand as the connecting link between the North and the South."

The morning express train from Cleveland, while passing the four-mile run, near Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday, had two passenger cars precipitated down the embankment, forty feet, and destroyed by fire from the stoves. Several passengers were injured—none seriously.—Among them Mrs. Sprague, (late Miss Chase,) who was bruised severely. The accident was caused by the breaking of a rail.

Bishop McCloskey, of Albany, will, it is probable, be the successor of Archbishop Hughes, he being, with two others—as is the custom—recommended by the Council of Bishops, for appointment.

The Northern and Western papers all speak of the cold weather—the heavy snows, and the great accumulation of ice. Many persons in different parts of the country have been frozen to death. Skating is now the pastime of thousands.

Eight thousand flour barrels are advertised to be sold at the U. S. Government bakery, in this place, on the 21st, at 11 o'clock.

The soldiers in Gen. Birney's Division of the Army of the Potomac have been presented with 7,000 pairs of woolen gloves.